



# Winners and Losers

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How do you feel when you see someone worshipping God in an extravagant, over-the-top sort of way?

### The Last Supper: Matthew 26:17-29

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Can you think of a modern day parallel?

What does the practice of communion mean to you?

### The Garden: Matthew 26:30-75

A lot of things happen in the garden: Jesus says the disciples will desert him, but they get aggressively defensive; the disciples fall asleep, but Jesus after prayer walks right toward the mob; Judas pretends to honor Jesus, Jesus calls him "friend;" Peter cuts off a man's ear, Jesus tells him he has the army of heaven at his disposal; Jesus faces Caiaphas with endurance and boldness, but the disciples run away, and Peter denies him.

What parts of that story are most meaningful to you?

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